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For: APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY DETECTING SIZE TO BE  
DETECTED AND AUTOMATIC ANALAYZER USING THE SAME

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

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APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED mailed March 27, 2002,  
please amend the application as set forth below.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

The Applicants re-present claims 1-7 (37 CFR  
§1.121(c)(3)) as set forth below.

1. An apparatus for automatically detecting a size of a  
detection object comprising:

a detection object whose size is to be detected;

a background panel which is arranged behind said detection  
object, said background panel having a mark as a standard and  
being longer than said detection object; and